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FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MAJOR PARTIES, AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS IN PROVINCIAL CAPITALS WITHIN THE ISTANBUL CONSULAR DISTRICT, OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT JUSTICE PARTY (JP) AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) WILL BENEFIT AT EXPENSE OF SMALLER PARTIES. UNLES THERE IS AN UNEXPECTEDLY LOW TURNOUT AT THE POLLS OF SUPPORTERS OF EITHER PARTY, IT APPEARS THAT BOTH PARTIES WILL KEEP THE SENATE SEATS THEY PRESENTLY HOLD. THE RPP WILL PROBABLY SUFFER ONE LOSS IN BURSA WHERE THE JP IS EXPECTED TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY THE DEATH OF THE FORMER INCUMBENT FROM THE RPP. BASED ON PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS PARTY RALLIES, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT BOTH JP AND RPP WILL INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF THE TOTAL VOTE, WITH THE RPP PERHAPS SHOWING GREATER INCREASE THANKS TO LARGE WORKER VOTE IN HEAVILY INDUSTRIALIZED PROVINCES.

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